

Doctor of Laws, honoris causa, April 8th, 1987

H. W. Arthur

Mr. Treasurer -- -

May I present to you and to this Convocation Harry William Arthur and request that you confer upon him the degree of Doctor of Laws.

Harry Arthur chose an academic career rather than the traditional practice of law and returned to Osgoode Hall Law School as a professor on completion of his Master of Laws Degree at Harvard University. His scholarship and appreciation of the practical problems of administration were recognized by his peers and he quickly rose to become Dean.

His energies and intellect have not been directed solely to academic pursuits. Balanced reasoning, maturity of judgement and a sensitivity for the concerns of others conjoined with his legal knowledge earned him early recognition as a skilled arbitrator and adjudicator.

A deep commitment to social issues and compassion for the disadvantaged has led him to give generously of his time and talents to numerous organizations including the Canadian Civil Liberties Association of which he served for a time as President.

It is a measure of his stature within both the academic realm and the community at large that he was made President of York University to provide strong and innovative leadership in these challenging times.

His distinguished and varied career exemplifies the highest traditions of the legal profession and he is truly deserving of the degree of Doctor of Laws honoris Causa.